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PRACTICE AREAS

Business Succession Planning
Corporate
Corporate Taxation
Estates & Trusts
Government Affairs & Advocacy
Nonprofit Organizations
Taxation

LICENSED IN

Georgia

EDUCATION

University of Georgia School of Law: J.D.,
cum laude, 1996
Furman University: B.A., History, 1993

AFFILIATIONS

State Bar of Georgia: Fiduciary Law
Section, Legislative Committee, 2012-
2013
Brunswick-Glynn County Bar Association:
Past President
Lawyers Foundation of Georgia: Fellow

EXPERIENCE

Ben Hartman is a partner in the estates and trusts practice group and the corporate taxation practice group.

Ben, based in the Firm's St. Simons Island office, has extensive experience in the areas of estate planning, estate administration, fiduciary litigation, incapacity planning/conservatorships, corporate formation, and governance. Over the years, he has acted as counsel for Glynn County industries, the hospital authority, physician practice groups, nonprofit organizations, and the Brunswick Housing Authority. He also represents various timber interests and bank trust departments.

He is the past president of the Brunswick-Glynn County Bar Association. In 2007, Ben was selected as one of Brunswick's "20 Under 40" business leaders by *Golden Isles Magazine*.

Ben has a legacy of extensive community involvement in the Golden Isles. A graduate of Leadership Georgia and Leadership Glynn, he currently serves on the board of governors for the Georgia Chamber of Commerce. He is also the chairman of the Katz-Helen and Ray Whittle, Jr. Foundation and serves on the boards of the College of Coastal Georgia Foundation and the Children's Advocacy Centers of Georgia. Ben previously served as chairman of the Brunswick-Golden Isles Chamber of Commerce from 2020 to 2021.

Ben is licensed to practice law in Georgia and is a fellow with the Lawyers Foundation of Georgia. He is active in the Fiduciary Law Section of the State Bar of Georgia and has been a frequent lecturer at institutes sponsored by the State Bar.

Ben earned a B.A. in History from Furman University in 1993 and graduated cum laude from the University of Georgia School of Law in 1996. Ben is a longtime resident of St. Simons Island, where he lives with his wife, Leslie, and their three children. Ben is an elder at St. Simons Presbyterian Church.

ARTICLES

Leadership Spotlight: A Conversation about Life and Business in the Golden Isles with Ben Hartman

Georgia Trend interviewed Ben Hartman for its June 2021 issue.

Preparing a Succession Plan for a Family-owned Business

Published on December 13, 2016, in the 2016 issue of *The Advisor*, a publication by Furman University.

COMMUNITY WORK

Georgia Chamber of Commerce: Board of Governors

Atlanta YMCA Camp High Harbour: Board Member

University of Georgia: Parents Leadership Council

Brunswick-Golden Isles Chamber of Commerce: Chairman, 2020-2021

Children's Advocacy Centers of Georgia: Board Member

College of Coastal Georgia Foundation: Board Member

Furman University Planned Giving Advisory Board

Golden Isles Career Academy Foundation: Board Member

Gridiron Secret Society: Member

Katz-Helen and Ray Whittle, Jr. Foundation: Chairman

Leadership Georgia: Graduate

Leadership Glynn: Graduate

St. Simons Presbyterian Church: Elder

Who gets the Little Red Corvette: The Vital Importance of Estate Planning

Published on May 5, 2016, in *Business in Savannah*.

Conscientious estate planning in light of impending IRS regulations

Published on October 1, 2015, in *Elegant Island Living*.

Estate Planning in the 21st Century: Modern Considerations to Ease the Burden

Published on November 4, 2014, in *Elegant Island Living*.

Successful Estate Planning

Published on April 3, 2014, in *Elegant Island Living*.

New Estate Planning in Light of the New Tax Laws

Published on April 10, 2013, in *Business in Savannah*.

Understanding Business Contracts

Published on April 1, 2013, in *Elegant Island Living*.

Successful Retirement Planning

Published on January 1, 2013, in *Elegant Island Living*.

Plan for Strategic Business Succession

Published on October 1, 2012, in *Elegant Island Living*.

Tax Law 2012: A window Of Opportunity?

Published on July 1, 2012, in *Elegant Island Living*.

RECOGNITION

Georgia Trend Magazine: Legal Elite

Brunswick-Golden Isles Chamber of Commerce: Chairman's Award

Golden Isles Magazine: Brunswick's 20 Under 40

Martindale-Hubbell®: AV Preeminent® Rating